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Here Come the New Deals

At its heart, the Green New Deal is more than a legislative agenda. It's a potent and simple idea: We must take action on climate now, and we can create living-wage jobs and improve people's lives in the process. While federal action has stalled under the Trump administration, municipal- and

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state-level progress is already underway all across the country.

[Sierra Club executive director Michael Brune's celebrates some amazing green goings-on in the nation's second-largest city.](#)

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No Coal Mining on Our Public Lands

The Bureau of Land Management is moving forward to allow coal mining on hundreds of millions of acres of public lands. The climate impact would be devastating, as billions of tons of carbon dioxide could be released. The BLM is taking public comments through this Thursday, June 6.

[Tell the BLM we deserve a healthy climate and public lands that benefit taxpayers, not coal executives.](#)

The EPA's Deadly War on Science

The Trump administration and EPA head Andrew Wheeler continue to ignore science and roll back public health standards. This will cost lives—and a recent *New York Times* article shows just how far they'll go to appease their fossil fuel friends.

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[Get the details in Beyond Coal director Mary Anne Hitt's latest column.](#)

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PFAS Are Forever

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are everywhere. They're found in thousands of products from fast-food wrappers to dental floss. They increase the risk of cancer, thyroid problems, kidney damage, and prenatal and childhood exposure can impair children's health and development. It's time to say no to PFAS.

[Tell your members of Congress to cosponsor legislation to regulate these toxic "forever chemicals" that never break down.](#)

Dear White Women

A white woman pulls a gun on a black couple picnicking in a state park; another calls the police to report black children selling lemonade outside a baseball stadium; yet another calls 911 because a black family is having a BBQ in a municipal lakeside park. "It's nothing new, but it's more visible than ever in 2019, thanks to social media," says Jackie Ostfeld, director of the

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Sierra Club's Outdoors for All campaign.

[Read more about what this white mother of two black children has to say about the “BBQ Becky” phenomenon.](#)

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Your Ticket to Summer Adventure

Still unsure how you'll spend the summer? Never fear—your vacation plans are in safe hands with Sierra Club Outings. Our diverse trip lineup—from summer to fall 2019 and beyond—offers something for everyone, including family getaways, raft journeys, canoe/kayak trips, lodge-based adventures, volunteer vacations, international treks, and much more.

[Act quickly, though—these trips will fill quickly.](#)

Greening Our School Districts

The Sierra Club's Climate Parents program is launching a campaign to transition school districts to 100% clean energy. In partnership with the Ready For 100 campaign, we're working with parents, teachers, and community members to encourage

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school boards in districts across the country to pass resolutions for clean energy.

[Add your name to join the movement for 100% clean-energy school districts.](#)

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This One's a No-Brainer

Chlorpyrifos is one of our most-used pesticides, yet it's now banned in three states for stunting brain development. A new bill would prevent federally subsidized school lunches and breakfasts from including food grown with chlorpyrifos—an important step toward a complete ban.

[Tell your senators you don't want children exposed to chlorpyrifos.](#)

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Beating Bug Bites Naturally

Summer's almost here, which means it's time for backyard barbecues, outdoor adventures, and bug bites. Sierra looked into the science of dodging bug bites to find out whether, and to what extent, some of the most popular natural alternatives to DEET can get the job done.

[Here's how natural bug-sprays measure up.](#)

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These Queens Need a Varied Diet

Bumblebees are important pollinators for many crops, including tomatoes, cucumbers, squash, and melons. While colony collapse disorder and threats to domestic honeybees get the headlines, bumblebees face similar challenges, but without the same attention and resources.

[A new study looks at the special dietary needs of bumblebee queens.](#)

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Freedom Under Attack

A raft of new and pending legislation is designed to discourage people from voicing their opposition to controversial infrastructure projects. While the severity of the new protest penalties ranges on a spectrum, one common thread is punishment for interference in fossil fuel infrastructure

[How will new state efforts targeting infrastructure protests affect your First](#)

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[Amendment rights?](#)

Native Americans and their supporters march toward the White House in Washington D.C. in March 2017. | Photo by Manuel Balce Ceneta/AP

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Oh, Canada

It's the 11th hour for British Columbia's southern mountain caribou. Loss of core habitat due to logging, oil and gas development, and other extractive industries is largely responsible for the animal's decline.

[Can Canada save its mountain caribou?](#)

A lone bull in the South Selkirk herd dodges traffic on BC's Highway 3 at Kootenay Pass

Running Through the Sierra to Raise Money

On May 11, Team Sierra volunteers joined the Vacation Races Yosemite Half Marathon in Bass Lake, California. At the biggest Team Sierra race yet, teammates enjoyed 13.1 miles of beautiful scenery near the park and raised more than \$41,000 for the Sierra Club.

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[Here's a peek behind the scenes.](#)

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Looking for a way to take personal action on climate change this summer? Go solar through one of the Sierra Club's partnerships! If you live in [Michigan](#), [California \(San Diego\)](#), or [Utah](#), check out your chapter's local solar partner. Live elsewhere? Check out our newest partner, [SunPower](#). There is no better time to go solar, as the 30% federal tax credit on solar purchases drops after December 31, 2019.

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